

Shalhevet

Friday, August 17, 2001
28 Av 5761
Erev Shabbat Parshat Re'eh

It's over already?!

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This Week in Camp...

... We bid a *tzeitchem l'shalom* to the many staff members who left to study in Israel, and welcomed the Machoniks who filled in for them.

... We also welcomed Sulam back from their incredible trip!

Morasha Marathon 2001

Winners by Division

Girls

Staff:

1. Beth Hait	28:48
2. Lauren Newman	35:00
3. Amy Pinnick	42:00

Alufot:

1. Erica Zimmerman	33:17
2. Rebecca Ostreicher	36:25
3. Cheryl Lieberman	43:05
Ahuva Nissen	43:05

Ilanot:

1. Devora Stechler	30:31
2. Sarah Rappoport	35:58
3. Janine Rothenberg	40:02

Shtilim:

1. Erica Zauderer	31:20
2. Paige Sussman	35:00
3. Tova Lewn	35:23

Boys

Staff:

1. Yishai Pliner	21:29
2. Yoni Gross	23:21
3. Avi Golombeck	23:24

Alufim:

1. David Eckstein	25:31
2. Evan Hametz	27:49
3. Yitzy Klein	29:48

Ilanot:

1. Sruly Rapps	23:47
2. Daniel Barran	28:39

3. Daniel Gordan	29:18
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Shtilim:

1. Eliezer Seidenfeld	26:18
2. Pinny Kantowitz	28:58
3. Jacob Muller	29:15

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5. Jeremy Hellman	23:32
6. Sruly Rapps	23:47
7. Radek Szerner	25:15
8. Jonathan Grossman	25:28
9. David Eckstein	25:31
10. Jonathan Koslowe	26:06
11. Eliezer Seidenfeld	26:18
12. Itamar Kurtz	27:10
13. Eli Schiff	27:16
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11. Rebecca Ostreicher	36:25
12. Stephanie Cohen	37:03
13. Jessica Lichter	37:05
14. Rebecca Herskovits	38:06
15. Janine Rothenberg	40:02
16. Ariella Stein	40:22
17. Lili Berley	40:25
18. Andrea Kimmel	40:28
19. Leah Weixelbaum	41:35
20. Edie Koslowe	41:53

Name the Sailboats Contest Winners!!!

We have all been anxiously awaiting the results of our Name the Sailboats Contest. Our esteemed judges pored over an unprecedented number of entries, and finally agreed on the following names for our new sailboats. The boats will henceforth be known as:

1. Yippee
2. Dippy
3. Sippy
4. Flippy

Congratulations to **Elisheva Muchnick**, who named #1-3, and **Yvonne Sharfer**, who named #4. Both entrants are Mothers' Helpers who obviously think alike. Elisheva will receive \$3 worth of goods from the canteen, and Yvonne will receive \$1 worth.

This Week in the Parsha

In this week's parsha we are told (Devorim 14:1), "*Banim atem le'Hashem elokeichem, lo titgodedu.*" The simple meaning of this *pasuk* is that if someone loses a relative, while it is appropriate to mourn that loss, one cannot become so overwhelmed with grief that they cut or hurt themselves. Someone who inflicts harm on himself is most likely feeling a sense of *yei'ush*, total despair and lack of hope for a better future. The weight of their personal tragedy is too heavy a burden for them to carry and they simply cannot go on. This halacha comes to tell us that no matter how bad it seems, we must never give up because there is always hope for a brighter tomorrow.

The Gemarah (Yevamot 14a) derives a second halacha from this *pasuk*: "*lo ta'asu agudot agudot.*" The Torah prohibits us from doing things which create divisiveness and disunity in the community. (See, for example, Igrot Mosheh 2:23).

If understood properly, these two halachot of *lo titgodedu* can provide us with guidance for how to respond to the current situation in Israel.

Our community is currently in a state of mourning as a result of the recent tragedies in Israel. This is both normal and appropriate. But for some, there is also a feeling of *yei'ush*, despair and hopelessness. The darkness of today seems to leave no room for a brighter tomorrow. The first halacha of *lo titgodedu* teaches us that we must not despair and cannot give up hope. Our belief in Hashem's special relationship with the Land of Israel should inspire us with confidence in our ultimate solution.

In addition, we must not give in to the temptation to view this as an Israeli problem. In truth, it is a Jewish problem. As members of B'nei Yisroel, the current situation affects all of us. This is the second lesson of *lo titgodedu* - we must never forget the indivisible bond between all Jews.

May it be Hashem's will that through our proper appreciation of the halachot of *lo titgodedu*, may we merit a positive answer to our prayers - "*Hashem yivareich et amo ba-shalom.*"

- Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb

A Word of Thanks. . .

To the many people who have helped make this summer's Shalhevet possible. Some of those people are:

Paula Spodek, Jen Kroll, Aliza Meiri, Ayala Schwartz, Rivky Goldstein, Lisa Lesnick and Chavi Rosenberg, who helped out a great deal and showed me the ropes;

Caryn Pollak and some other amazing Yachad people, who collated 4000 pages every Thursday;

Rabbi Elly Storch, who wrote the sports column every week;

A bunch of Machoniks, who covered some incredible stories and took care of the Roving Reporter;

Rabbis Schwartz, Harari, Rosenblum, Willig, and Dratch, who shared their knowledge in the "Ask a Rabbi" column;

Rock Davis, who gave valuable input, kept an eye on the Shalhevet box, and always let me know which articles the campers enjoyed;

Rabbi Joel Cohn, who always happily found someone to write a dvar Torah;

And a special thanks to my husband Tszvi, who faithfully proofread everything when I was too tired to look at it one more time.

Finally, I wish to thank the many many campers and staff who read Shalhevet and shared their insights, ideas, and critiques with me.

*Ktiva v'chatima tova,
Yaffa Klugerman*

Library Corner

Congratulations to this Year's Girls' Nitzanim Readathon Winners:

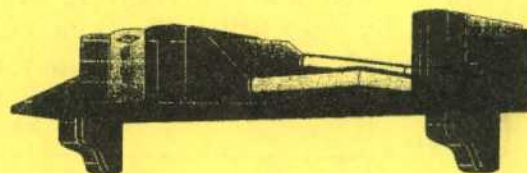
**Chani Jacobson
Tal Meiri**

And a special *yasher koach* to Shtili

Ariel Meiri

who read a huge number of books this summer.

We are very proud of all those who participated in the Readathon!



This Week's Parsha: Re'eh

Light Candles: 6:38

Shabbat Ends: 7:44

Weather Forecast: (As of Wed):

Friday: Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms ending late and becoming clear. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Messages from the Head Counselors

BOYS

Another fabulous summer at Camp Morasha is coming to an end. We've all had so many wonderful opportunities to learn and grow and are all headed home with a lifetime of memories.

Boys' campus is always a great place to spend a summer, but 2001 was a truly unique experience. The Summer Olympics evoked tremendous spirit and achievement; Shiriah was a "coming out" party for ATC as he debuted his song "Gam ki elech"; Machzor Alef campers were drafted into the Israeli Army, Lake Como Division; and Purim in August was the highlight of the summer.

Thanks so much and *yasher koach* to Rabbi Moish Drelich and all the division heads for their outstanding leadership; to all the counselors and specialty staff for all their hard work; to the Programming Department for all their guidance; and last, but not least, to all the campers on Boys' Campus who make Morasha such a special place!

Shana tova! We'll see you next year.

Rabbi Peretz Hochbaum

GIRLS

Dear Girls' Campus,

The summer season of 5761 is coming to an end. It has been a wonderful summer, and I will miss you.

Good times were had by all
I really had a ball
Ruach, sports, swimming, dancing
Lots of singing, art, acting, and
masquerading
Shtilim, Ilanot, Alufot, Yachad,
Machon, counselors and
Nitzanim were all
participating

Can't wait to see you here next
year

All together full of cheer
May this year bring you bracha
and hatzlacha

Plus joy and health to you and
your mishpacha

Until next summer when we
meet back in Morasha pray
for

Shalom al Yisrael and
Yerushalayim Habenuya

Respectfully yours,

Ruchie